

BOOK REVIEW

ALTON BOWMAN. 2004. **The Flower Mound, Flower Mound, Texas: A History and Field Guide to the Flowers and Grasses.** (ISBN 1-57864-290-6, pbk.). The Donning Company Publishers, 184 Business Park Drive, Suite 206, Virginia Beach, VA 23462, U.S.A. (**Orders/Availability:** Contact Alton Bowman, 817-430-1976). Price not given, 112 pp., color and b/w photos, b/w maps, bibliography, index, 8 1/2" × 11".

The book, *The Flower Mound, Flower Mound, Texas: A History and Field Guide to the Flowers and Grasses* is a wonderful resource for anyone interested in learning more about the history and flora of the Flower Mound, the namesake of the small town just north of Dallas. The opening chapters introduce readers to the location, geology and wildlife of the Flower mound, as well as a brief history of the mound including Native American archeology and first settlers. The author devotes a chapter to the history of ownership of the mound and how historic owners had the forethought to preserve the flora of the mound.

The majority of the book is written as a field guide. It is rich with color photographs of flora making identification easy for the user. The guide is arranged by which species blooms during specific seasons (2 month periods), beginning with early bloomers such as ten-petal anemone to brown eyed Susan's in the early summer and ending with species of the later seasons such as gayfeather and saw-leaf daisies. At the end of each "season" is an incredibly handy quick-glance color guide to those species blooming during that period of time. Each plant description includes the plant's common name, Latin name, family name, expected blooming period, a description of the plant (height, fruits etc.), location on the mound, and seasonality. The description also includes other comments for each species, where the author has added interesting tidbits such as the history of the plant's name, historic uses, and other valuable information.

The Flower Mound, Flower Mound, Texas: A history and Field Guide to the Flowers and Grasses is a highly recommended book for any person with an interest in the Flower Mound—especially the flora of the Flower Mound. This is an incredibly easy to use guide; little to no previous botanical knowledge is needed to use it. The greatest thing about the book is the many historic images and color photos of the flowers and plants of the mound. All proceeds (100%) from the sale of this book are used for the perpetual care of the Flower Mound—Lee Luckeydoe Herbarium, Botanical Research Institute of Texas, 509 Pecan Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102-4060, U.S.A.

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BEVERLEY NICHOLS. 2002. **Down the Garden Path.** (ISBN 0-88192-710-4, hbk.). Timber Press Inc. 133 S.W. Second Ave, Suite 450, Portland, OR 97204-3527, U.S.A. (**Orders:** www.timberpress.com, mail@timberpress.com, 503-227-2878, 1-800-327-5680, 503-227-3070 fax). \$24.95, 296 pp., b/w figs., 5 1/2" × 8".

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